

WILDER'S BLUFF

In Regard to the Taking Off the West Berkeley Local

Causes the Board of Trustees to Lay Down a Full Hand and

Rescind the Ordinance Requiring all Trains to Stop at Delaware Street.

ALMOST A FREE FIGHT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD.

Board of Trustees.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Town Hall last evening.

The lobby, as usual, was filled with the leading citizens and property owners of Berkeley.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President Acton, and all the members, except Prof. Jones, answered present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Porrier appeared as a protestant against the sewer in Alcatraz avenue. He said that he thought that the sewer was not laid according to the specifications; that a swab had not been run through the joints, and that it had not been properly tamped; that the iron bars in the manhole had been omitted, and only a brick was left; that the cement-mortar was only ordinary lime-mortar, and was not according to specifications, (presenting a sample). The street was left in a horrible condition, and this winter the avenue was entirely impassable. He also protested against the way the assessment was made, and asked that with his statement the Board would set aside the assessment.

Jos. Chappie, who was the inspector of the job, stated that the work was done according to specifications, and that the work would show the same at the present time.

J. M. Creed asked the protestant if he had not protested against the

sewer before it was ordered, and the protestant agreed that such was the case.

Mr. Porrier also stated that his brother must have said that he would see that Mr. Creed would not collect his money for the work.

The inspector, Jos. Chappie, insisted that the work was done according to contract and specifications.

Trustee Whiting said that he admired a kicker, as he was somewhat of a kicker himself, but in this instance he thought that the kick was unjustifiable.

On motion of Stubenrauch the protest was overruled by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Charles A. Bailey, and others, protested against the resolution for a sidewalk on Channing way, between San Pablo avenue and Third street, and asked that they be allowed to lay the sidewalk by private contract. Granted.

J. J. Mason protested against the use of his office for a polling place for the charter election. The Board decided that it could not be changed until the morning of the election.

A protest was received from J. R. Little against his assessment on Milvia street, between University avenue and Rose street, as the assessment was unjust.

Mr. Sanborn, one of the property owners on Milvia street, addressed the Board, and stated that there was not one property owner in the district that desired the street opened, and thought that the Board of Trustees had no right to force upon the citizens what they do not want. He, as a representative of the property owners on Milvia street, was willing to pay all the expenses so far incurred, if the Board would squash the proceedings.

The Attorney stated that the Board could rescind the proceedings if the bills were receipted by next Monday evening.

A. L. Ott stated that five of the property owners would give a bond that the expenses now incurred would be paid, and pledged himself, individually, as it was impossible to meet every property owner by next Monday evening.

There was quite a discussion between the members on the subject and it was finally settled by the agreement that if all expenses are paid by next Monday evening all action would be rescinded.

A communication was received from J. R. Little declining the appointment as commissioner for the opening of Haste street.

George Schmidt was elected to take the place of Mr. Little as commissioner on Haste street.

A petition from C. O. Barry asked for a free license for a fruit stand. Granted.

An appeal from B. F. Bergen from the assessment of sidewalk on Ashby avenue, as it was void and contrary to law, as a five foot cinder and gravel walk had already been laid. The appeal was laid over for two weeks.

Joe Domesel asked for a free license, but as the License Committee opposed it the request was not granted.

E. W. McLaughlin asked for a private contract to lay sidewalk and crosswalks on Sherman street. The request was granted.

Mr. Hadlen stated that in the case of the license of Mr. Pitman of Lorin he did not think that there was the required number of signatures.

Mr. Pitman stated that he had taken a tape line and had measured off the land and that he had at least five signatures, all the law required.

Mr. Irwin, of Lorin, appeared in opposition to the license, as he thought that there were now too many saloons in Lorin.

Captain Bennett stated that the place has had a bad name and he thought it would be worse if it was reopened.

Trustee Stubenrauch thought that it would be perfectly proper to give the license, as it would be beneficial to Lorin as Mr. Pitman was also going to run a restaurant, which was very necessary for Lorin.

The Town Attorney stated that according to his ideas Mr. Pitman did not have a sufficient number of signatures to his petition.

On motion the matter was laid over for one week.

John P. Beckett asked to sewer by private contract Shattuck avenue to Prince street and to Woolsey street. Granted.

C. J. Newell notified the Board that he had appointed Wilson McVey and Adam Kelner as deputy constables.

A petition from property owners on Camelia street, asked for a sewer and also on McGee avenue. Granted.

A petition from property owners on Camelia street asking that said street be graded, curbed and macadamized, also on Fifth street between University avenue and Camelia street, be graded, curbed and macadamized. Granted.

Attorney Galer stated that he had just received an abstract of title in the Peterson suit but as it had not taken in the property wanted he desired authority to get an abstract of the Peterson property. His request was granted.

Forty days extension of time was granted M. Hefley to finish the work of laying the sewer on Shattuck avenue to Parker street.

Resolved that King street on easterly side to Fairview and Alcatraz avenue be sidewalked with a four foot sidewalk. Carried.

Whiting moved that a resolution be prepared for a sewer on the east side of Shattuck avenue from Blake to Parker street.

Whiting moved that the ordinance causing all trains to stop at West Berkeley be rescinded. The motion was carried. George Durrell stated that there was not a single person in West Berkeley who wanted the trains stopped at Delaware street.

Whiting moved that the Oakland

Consolidated Railroad Company repair their tracks within one week or else their franchise be forfeited. The motion was put and lost, all members voting no except Trustee Whiting.

The Finance Committee reported favorably upon the following bills:

GENERAL FUND.

J. W. Stricker.....	\$150 00
H. J. Hughes.....	60 00
S. H. Borkheim.....	8 50
C. S. Preble.....	100 00
A. Carsile & Co.....	3 50
J. P. Sather.....	1 00
Berkeley Electric Light Co.	611 50

ROAD FUND.

S. Johnson.....	1 00
M. Heaffey.....	12 00
Fred A. Wass.....	2 00
James Curtis.....	8 00
P. S. McLachlin.....	2 00

Resolutions opening Parker street, Dwight way, Addison street, Bancroft way and Blake street to deep water were read. The matter was laid over until next week.

F. A. Redmond presented a communication in reference to the Electric Light Company plant as follows:

F. A. Redmond first being duly sworn deposes and says:

That he is an engineer and electrician and has had twelve years experience as such, and that he has run the electric light plant of the town of Berkeley for more than one year and knows the condition the plant was in at the time the Berkeley Electric Light Company took charge of it and knows its present condition. The engine in use is only 90 horse power. It requires 64 horse power to run the arc lights now in use up to the required candle power, and it requires 60 horse power to run the incandescent lights now in use, which overloads the engine and boiler, and all engineers know that boilers and engines that are overloaded are soon worn out.

During the past four or five months it has been the order of the manager of the said Electric Light Company to cut off power from the arc lights, and give power to the incandescent lights thus lessening the candle power of the arc lights.

The boiler, belonging to the town, from overwork is now in a strained and leaky condition, as only 80 pounds pressure is allowed on said boiler, but in order to do the work it has been necessary to run up to 95 pounds pressure.

F. A. REDMON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1895.

C. R. LORD,

Justice of the Peace.

E. H. Smiley and John Page, each being duly sworn, say:

We have worked as firemen under F. A. Redmon, engineer for the Electric Light Company, and we know that it has been necessary to cut off power from the arc lights, and use the same on the incandescent lights and we know that it has been done.

E. H. SMILEY.

J. PAGE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1895.

C. R. LORD.

Justice of the Peace.

After the reading of the above affidavits, Trustee Whiting moved that a committee composed of Mr. Hadlen and Marshal Striker be appointed to investigate the matters contained in the affidavit.

Mr. Gardner, manager of the Electric Light Company, stated that the Board had no right to appoint any committee to investigate the boiler and engines as the property had been leased to the company, and that they were under bonds to keep them in repair and in good condition.

He stated that he cared nothing for the affidavits as they came from discharged employees. He said Mr. Redmon was discharged for not attending to his duties and that Mr. Smiley was discharged because he, Gardner, had found him asleep at his post of duty one night when the manager happened to drop in accidentally. Mr. Page had never been a regular employee, only being employed occasionally as an extra.

Trustee Whiting and Mr. Gardner had quite a war of words and the matter was dropped without any action.

The matter of auditing the bills then came up and all were audited except the Electric Light bill, this Trustee Hadlen refused to audit unless a reduction of \$25 was made.

Mr. Gardner stated that he was not authorized to make any reduction.

The Clerk then read all the bills except the electric light bill and before he could read that Whiting moved, and seconded by Hadlen, that the bills as read be adopted. A vote was taken and as it stood 2 to 2 it was lost.

Whiting then moved to adjourn and his motion was lost.

Mr. Whiting and Mr. Hadlen then wished their colleagues goodnight and disappeared in the darkness of the night.

It was then thought that the Board would adjourn but the Town Attorney informed the two remaining members that as there had been no question of a quorum called, they could go on and do business.

Stubenrauch then moved that all of the bills including the electric light bill be passed and it was so ordered. The Board then adjourned. No sooner had President Acton left his seat than it dawned upon him that the Attorney's opinion was not good law, so he notified the Clerk that he would not sign any of the bills until after the meeting next Monday night. Gardner told him not to be foolish but to sign the bills and Acton turned savagely on Gardner and wanted to know whether he was a member of the Board and what right he had to interfere. Gardner immediately apologized. In the mean time Stubenrauch was accusing Clerk Preble of a breach of faith in not reading the electric light bill, and he was as quickly and sharply answered by Preble.

Two or three outsiders who chipped in were quickly set down upon.

At a few minutes past 12 o'clock the trouble died out and all went home feeling in the best of spirits.

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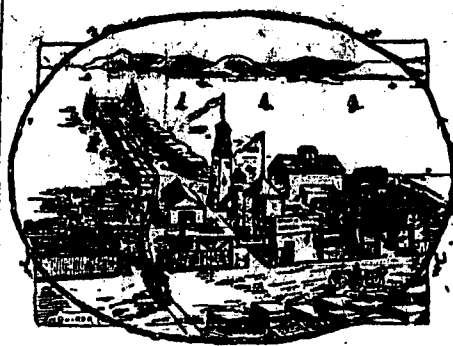
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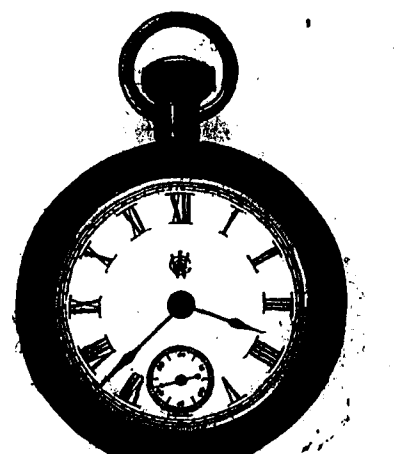
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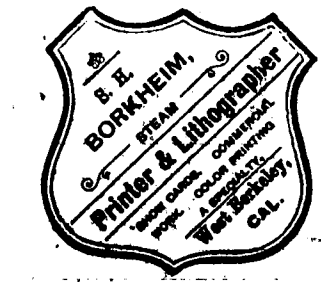
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Alameda's County Clerk.

Frank C. Jordan, the new County Clerk of Alameda County, is getting compliments all around for his efficiency in office. He is constantly doing something new for the public benefit, never thinking of the additional labor it makes for himself and his clerical force. Mr. Jordan is a very progressive young man and will not always stop in his present position, however much the public may desire it. After awhile they will discover that he is worthy of something higher—and he will get it.

Tonight the West Berkeley Progressive Club will have a meeting in Beacon Engine Company's house. Besides discussing the San Joaquin Valley railroad it is quite probable the action of the Southern Pacific railroad in regard to taking off the local train will meet some comment.

Last evening after twilight had let her curtain fall and pinned it with a star a horse with a cart attached got tired of standing on the avenue near Addison street started towards North Berkeley at a very lively gait. Dim distance lent enchantment to the view and that is all there is to it.

Mrs. C. R. Lord is getting along quite nicely from the surgical operation performed upon her face and it is thought that the remedy will be effectual.

C. J. Newell has appointed two more deputy Constables, Wilson McVey and Adam Kelney.

The Board of Education will hold their regular meeting this evening.

Bold Attempt at Burglary.

Last evening at about 8 o'clock, as Miss T. M. Jacquemin and her sister were approaching their home on Blake street, they saw a man standing on the fence, which is close to the house, with his hands resting upon the bay window. Not knowing the meaning of it they began to suspect it was some one trying to get in the house. Their approaching footsteps, being on the earth, were not heard by the fellow until they were quite near to him. At this part of the street it is quite dark, as no electric light is near, although often petitioned for. When the man did hear the noise he jumped from off the fence and crouched behind it. Having become alarmed they spoke to some imaginary person, and the burglar got up and walked away. The only person in the house was the Misses Jacquemin's mother. Enough of the man could be seen in the dark, to know that he was tall and slim, dressed in a good suit of dark blue clothes, apparently about twenty-five years of age.

On Monday night, of last week, some one rung the door bell violently early in the evening, and getting no response went to the back door and knocked. Mrs. Jacquemin asked who was there, and she heard no more. On Saturday evening, while the young ladies were at home, a very loud noise was heard on the porch, as if articles had been rolled upon the floor. On going to see what the noise was no one was to be seen. It is quite evident that the same fellow has been prowling around the premises for several nights for the purpose of breaking in.

Charity Ball.

These are great times at the county court house. At any hour delicate handed clerks can be seen on the lawn nursing fingers bruised by the uncertain sphere used in baseball. The occasion for this practice is the approach of a charity game to be played on the 22d between the F. Confident Jordan County Clerk Baseball Team and C. Hungry Spear County Recorder Baseball team, which latter team challenged the former and in reply received the following acceptance:

"To G. Henry Mason, Manager Charles H. Spear County Recorder Baseball Team—Dear Sir: I, on behalf of the Frank C. Jordan County Clerk Baseball team, do hereby accept the verbal challenge of the manager of the Charles H. Spear County Recorder Baseball team, to play a game of baseball for the benefit of the Associated Charities, said game to be played on Washington's birthday, hour to be agreed upon between the managers of the above named teams.

"F. DAISY ADAMS, Manager the Frank C. Jordan County Clerk Baseball Team."

Said Mr. Jordan today: "We will pay all the expenses—even our own price of admission—and turn every cent of the gross proceeds over to the Association. The winning team is to have a dinner at the expense of the losing nine. We expect to have the four Superior Judges constitute a committee on Finances, the Board of Supervisors will act as scorers, Sheriff White the keeper of the peace, and Tax Collector Barber as gate keeper, and District Attorney Snook and A. A. Moore Jr. as umpires. We will make a thor-

ough job at selling tickets, and will have a big crowd on the Berkeley campus when the game is called at 2 o'clock that day."

Mr. Jordan's team will be made up from the following men, the rest of whom will act as substitutes (and will probably do most of the playing):

F. Confident Jordan, captain; A. Vivacious Fisher, R. Cunning Vose, N. Wise Spaulding, F. Already Davis, J. Cupid Ewing, G. Cranky Woodsum, W. Sycamore McDonald, D. Antiquated Sinclair, T. Foxy Mock, J. Easy Van Amringe, J. Handsome Robinson and F. Daisy Adams, manager.

Team of the county recorder's office baseball nine: J. Bardellini, pitcher; R. Potter, catcher; C. Gompertz, first base; J. Hyde, second base and captain; E. L. Johnston, third base; D. J. Landregan, short stop; C. D. Maloney, left field; E. Schmidt, center field; Recorder Chas. H. Spear, right field; J. R. Taylor, official scorer; George H. Mason, manager.

Said Cupid Ewing: "We expect to play nine innings, but I suppose we will have to stop on account of darkness." Oakland Enquirer.

Words in Favor.

The following despatch has been forwarded to Sacramento:

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HON. JUDGE SPENCER, Sac.—Your fellow citizens, the women of California, are looking forward for the immediate granting of equal rights. I plead in behalf of my fellow sisters and tax-payers, in behalf of intelligent mothers that they may choose their law makers. I appeal to the justice of those who are representing only one-half of our citizens. Remove the blot from the escutcheon of our beautiful California and give us the privilege that is granted to all law-abiding citizens and place us in the position that is becoming our dignity as "American Citizens."

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